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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON DETAINED/MISSING AMERICANS IN IRAN  
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Classified By: Political Minister Counselor W. Michael Meserve for reasons 1.4(b) and (d)

(C) Per reftel, Embassy met and discussed with MOFA Second Middle East Division Principal Deputy Director Motosada Matano the cases of five detained/missing American citizens in Iran, expressing our gratitude that Foreign Minister Aso had raised these cases in a general way when he last spoke with Foreign Minister Mottaki, and requesting further engagement by Japan with Iranian counterparts. Matano took note but was not in a position to make any commitments. Political Officer requested to be notified in the event Japanese officials do raise these cases in the future.  
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